# Chapter 13 - THE OT REVEALS MUCH ABOUT THE FUTURE

## SOME OT PROPHECIES FOR THE FUTURE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE

From the time of Malachi, several prophecies of future events have already taken place. The Messiah's ministry, His death & resurrection was a future event in the OT *p. 195*

### The Holy Spirit To be Poured Out on God's Children

*It shall come to pass afterward, that I will **pour out My Spirit** on all flesh; … And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days (Joel 2:28a-29).* *p. 195*

### OT Scriptures Foretold God Would Call Gentiles to Salvation.

*The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising (Is 60:3)* *p. 198*

## OT PROPHECIES OF WHAT WOULD OCCUR IN THE FUTURE

The Book of Daniel Reveals a Succession of Empires from Daniel's time to the last days through symbolic images [metals in a statue; animals out of the sea.]. *p. 199*

1st empire, the *Babylonians* (Held the Jews captive in Daniel's time);

2ndempire, the *Persians* (Conquered Babylonians; allowed the Jews to return home);

3rd empire the *Greeks* (Alexander the Great conquered Persia and the middle-east.)

4th empire, the *Romans* (Conquered the Greeks. **Rome** controlled Judea during the time of Christ Jesus.) *p. 200*

Other Scriptures reveals a "renewed Roman Empire" in last days (Antichrist rules) *p. 200*

### Daniel Foretold of a 70 Week Timeline

A **"70 week" timeline** is given in Dan. 9:24-27. **Each "week" equals a 7-year time period** (490 years). From the time the decree is given for the Jews to return to Jerusalem until the Messiah comes will be 483 years. (69 x 7 = 483) *p. 200*

The ***Messiah will be "cut off"*** *in the 69th week* (Dan. 9:26).

It is not revealed in Scripture but there is a long period of time between the 69th and the 70th week. Daniel is told…In middle of the 70th week, Israel will make a covenant with a great deceiver (the antichrist). *p. 200*

Then *he shall confirm a covenant with many for **one week**;* but *in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering*. … (Dan. 9:27a). *p. 200*

The **"70th week** will be the **7-year tribulation**. *p. 200*

## JEWS RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND

The Romans removed the Jews from Israel because of repeated rebellions (70 AD; 130 AD.) For almost 1,900 years the Jews were without their national homeland. But God promised to bring them back to Israel. *p. 201*

> *And it shall come to pass in that day that* ***the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left,*** *from Assyria and Egypt, from Pathros and Cush, from Elam and Shinar, from Hamath and the islands of the sea.* *12* ***He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcast of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth*** *(Isa. 11:11-12).* *p. 202*

> *For behold, in those days and at that time, when I* ***bring back the captives*** *of Judah and Jerusalem, (Joel 3:1).* *p 202*

> *Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things?* ***Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Shall a nation be born at once?*** *For as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her children. (Isa. 66:8).* *p. 202*

***Israel was established a Jewish homeland by the United Nations: May 14, 1948.***

## A MAN OF POMPOUS AND ARROGANT WORDS

Daniel writes of one who speaks pompous words (Dan. 7:8, 11, 25; 11:36). Prophetically he is described as a "*horn*". (In the OT "*horns*" symbolize power and/or authority.) Christians recognize him to be "*the antichrist"* *p. 202*

> *He shall speak* ***pompous words*** *against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and laws, then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time (Dan. 7:25).* *p. 203*

<u>The NT also writes about the antichrist:</u>

> *Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name (Rev 13:1).* *p. 203*

### He Will Make and then Break a Covenant with Israel

Daniel tells us this "horn" (antichrist) will make a covenant with Israel, and then break it, in the middle of the "70th week (The seven years of great tribulation). *p. 203*

### He Will be Destroyed but Not by Men

*Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; and he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; but **he shall be broken** without human means (Dan. 8:25).* p. 204

## DANIEL PROPHESIES OF A GREAT TRIBULATION:

*At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a **time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book (See Dan. 12:1).* p. 204

*18c …and the foundations of the earth are shaken 19 The earth is violently broken, the earth is split open, the earth is shaken exceedingly. 20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall totter like a hut; its transgression shall be heavy upon it ...(Isa. 24:18c-20a)* p. 204

## Warriors Will Hide in the Rocks

*They shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, from the terror of the Lord and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.* … *21 to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crags of the rugged rocks, from the terror of the Lord* and the glory of His majesty, *when He arises to **shake the earth mightily*** (Isa. 2:19, 21). p. 205

NT confirmation:

*And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"* (Rev. 6:15). p. 205

## These Visions are for the Last Days

*Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end (Dan. 8:17b). …. Therefore, seal up the vision, for it refers to many days **in the future**" (Dan. 8:26b)* p. 205

*"But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase." (Dan 12:4)* p. 205

## The Great Judgment

The OT gives no details of the Great White Throne Judgement except for "the court was seated and the books were opened." (Dan 7:10a; Rev. 20:12)

And *many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt* (Dan 12:2). p. 205